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REVISED AGENDA ITEM #6 - LANCASTER CEMETERY DISTRICT

The State Health and Safety Code authorizes the creation of Cemetery Districts to provide for the respectful and cost-effective interment of human remains to meet the cultural, economic, religious, and social needs of California's diverse communities. The Lancaster Cemetery District is a tax-supported special district established by and for the residents of the District, which includes within its territory the City of Lancaster, a portion of the City of Palmdale, and the majority of unincorporated communities in the Antelope Valley.

As a separate and independent public entity, the Lancaster Cemetery District is authorized to provide for the ownership, improvement, expansion, and operation of cemeteries and the provision of interment services for the residents of the communities it serves.

The Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Cemetery District has recently indicated concern over its long-term financial viability due to a decline in revenues, which may be impacted by reduced tax revenues due to it being located in a former redevelopment area, and other factors.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller to report back to the Board **in 30 days** on the financial viability of the Lancaster Cemetery District, the legal obligations of the County with respect to the District, and identifying and recommending alternatives to maintaining the operations of the Lancaster Cemetery for the common good of the region.

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